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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Officer, Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : Locus of Special Group Action Officer for DD/S&T

1. Under the DD/R organization, Mr. James Q. Reber, Chairman of COMOR, and also Special Assistant to the DD/R, was the original Special Group action officer for that component. In this capacity he prepared all of the staff responses on DD/R matters directly involving any component of that organization.

2. With the appointment of Dr. McMillan as D/NRO and the designation of Colonel Ledford as the executive agent of the D/NRO for Program B, and in consideration of the coordination then required on Program B proposals proceeding to the Special Group via D/NRO, it was agreed between Dr. Scoville, Mr. Reber, and Colonel Ledford that the latter would be designated as the SGAO for DD/R. This arrangement has not been disturbed in the early days of DD/S&T.

3. However, with additional components having been assigned to Dr. Wheelon, some of whom will have action items of their own involving the Special Group, I should like to raise the question of the propriety of continuing AD/OSA as the single Special Group Action Officer for this much larger array of organizational units than previously. We have already received calls from [redacted] on activities of other DD/S&T components which we were unable to answer, possibly because they were not fully aware that these matters probably should have been coordinated with AD/OSA. Would you be good enough to sound Dr. Wheelon out on whether or not he wishes to continue AD/OSA in this role, and if the answer is affirmative, I would suggest that your office prepare an instruction to each DD/S&T component, reminding them of the necessity for coordination with AD/OSA on DD/S&T position papers which come to the attention of the Special Group.

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